

LITTLEHAMPTON URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Council Offices,
Littlehampton,
BN17 5EP

March, 1974

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have been asked by the Chief Medical Officer of the Department of Health and Social Services to try and produce a brief final report for the District.

The following abridged report covers what information the Chief Public Health Inspector and I have been able to produce at very short notice in the present climate of reorganisation.

There were no outstanding health problems during 1973. The major work in progress to improve the environmental conditions was the construction of the long sea outfall at Littlehampton, which eventually should considerably improve the aesthetic position as far as the sea is concerned.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,

FRANK COCKCROFT

Medical Officer of Health.

URBAN DISTRICT OF LITTLEHAMPTON

Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health for the year 1973

Area	2,915 Acres	
Estimated resident mid-year population		20,320
Sum represented by a penny rate		£22,500
Population - Census 1971		18,621
Number of inhabited houses		7,488
Rateable value		£2,280,452

Vital statistics of births and deaths and Principal causes of death not yet available.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES

Disease	Under 1 year	1-4	5-9	10-14	15-24	Over 25	TOTAL
Measles	4	30	73	6	2	4	119
Meningococcal infection	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Scarlet Fever	-	1	3	-	-	1	5
Whooping Cough	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
TOTAL							127

TUBERCULOSIS

	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Total
	Male	Female	Male	Female	
1.1.73 Cases on Register	18	7	1	2	28
Primary Notifications 1973	-	1	-	-	1
Transfers to the District	1	-	-	-	1
Cases on Register 31.12.73	19	8	1	2	30

General Provision of Health Services in the Area was similar to that in 1972

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

WATER:

Bacteriological Results

	No. of Samples	No. showing Coliform organism in 100 ml.	No. showing E. Cols. present in 100 ml.	No. showing absence of Coliform organism in 100 ml.
Raw Water	242	226	192	16
Treated Water (taken at Burpham)	225	6	2	219
Treated Water (taken at Littlehampton)	248	nil	nil	248

FOOD & DRUGS ACT 1955

Food surrendered or condemned -

Meat - fresh (retail shops)	1460 lbs
Fish - fresh	1½ cwts.
Cooked meats	8 lbs
Canned meats	125 lbs
Canned food	362 lbs
Fruit & vegetables - fresh	30 lbs
Freezer failures	1676 items

There was one successful prosecution under section 2 of the Act, and a fine of £32 was imposed, including costs.

Foreign Matter & Mould -

8 complaints concerning foreign matter.
29 complaints concerned mould.

There were two successful prosecutions under section 2. The total amount of fines, with costs, imposed was £77.

OFFICES, SHOPS & RAILWAY PREMISES ACT 1963

147 routine inspections at registered premises. Informal notices were served regarding 41 contraventions.

4 minor accidents were reported, investigated and informal advice given.

CLEAN AIR ACTS 1956 & 1968

1968 Section 1 - One contravention dealt with informally.

1956 Section 1 - 6 notifications for prior approval were received
2 of which required alteration before approval.

1968 Section 6 - 6 chimney heights were approved, two of which required alteration.

CARAVAN SITES & CONTROL OF DEVELOPMENT ACT 1960

Two individual and 6 multiple sites are currently licensed by the Authority. Total number of caravans is 144.

One camp is licensed for 310 tent pitches under the Public Health Act 1936.

NOISE ABATEMENT ACT 1960

76 complaints were received and investigated.

The main problems concerned late night take-aways, ships discharging at night and night shifts at factories.

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT 1949

A total of 1,201 visits were made under the Act to domestic and commercial premises, and to vacant land.

No formal action was required.

PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY

88 ships of varying nationalities were inspected at the Port of Littlehampton, and found to be satisfactory.

9 Deratting Exemption Certificates were issued.

IMPROVEMENT AND STANDARD GRANTS


Improvement Grants

a) <u>For Conversion</u>	- Applications received in 1973	21
Applications Approved	1. Dwellings (a) owner occupied	1
	(b) Other	13
	(c) Owned by housing assocs. (included in (b) above)	-
	2. Relaxed standards (inc. in 1)	
	(a) less than 12 point standard	-
	(b) less than 15 year life	-
	3. Estimated total cost	
	(a) Conversion (inc. fees)	£19,294
	(b) Grant-aided repairs	4,543
	(c) Other works	7,718
Grants Paid	4. Approved expense	23,837
	5. Amount of grant approved	11,019
	(a) No. of dwellings	18
	(b) Amount of grant paid	£4,378
b) <u>For Improvements</u>	- Applications received in 1973	15
Applications Approved	1. Dwellings (a) owner occupied	8
	(b) Other	11
	(c) Owned by housing assocs. (included in (b) above)	-
	2. Relaxed standards (inc. in 1)	
	(a) less than 12 point standard	-
	(b) less than 15 year life	-
	3. Estimated total cost	
	(a) Improvements (inc. fees)	£15,080
	(b) Grant-aided repairs	6,866
	(c) Other works	13,939
Grants Paid	4. Approved expense of works	17,655
	5. Amount of Grant approved	8,395
	(a) Dwellings	27
	(b) Amount of grant paid	£9,714.70

Standard Grants - Applications received in 1973

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Applications Approved	1. Owner occupied dwellings to be improved to ... (a) Full Standard (Normal limit) (b) Full Standard (Higher limit) (c) Less than Full Standard	4 - -
	2. Other dwellings to be improved to ... (a) Full Standard (Normal limit) (b) Full Standard (Higher limit) (c) Less than Full Standard	9 2 1
	3. Dwellings owned by Housing Associations	-
	4. Dwellings with less than 15 year life (Inc. in 1 or 2)	1
	5. Total amount of grant approved	£2,480
Grants Paid	1. All Standard Grants Number of dwellings Amount paid Number of amenities provided:- (a) Fixed bath or shower Wash basin Sinks (b) H & C at these points Water at one or two points (c) Water closets	14 £1,798.57 9 11 - 9 5 6
	2. Higher Limit Grants Number of dwellings Additional grant-aided work:- (a) Number of bathrooms added (b) Number of piped water supplies (c) Number of drainage systems	2 2 - -
	3. Less than full standard (included in 1. above)	-



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<u>SUNSHINE</u>			<u>RAINFALL</u>		
	<u>No. of hours</u>	<u>Daily Average</u>	<u>No. of days on which sun was recorded</u>	<u>No. of inches</u>	<u>No. of days on which rain was recorded</u>
1925	1915.2	5.25	326	33.30	159
1926	1681.8	4.61	296	28.70	175
1927	1691.4	4.63	312	33.90	190
1928	1945.5	5.32	311	31.50	179
1929	2068.1	5.67	316	30.04	152
1930	1808.1	4.95	319	31.43	183
1931	1633.4	4.48	300	24.42	216
1932	1558.5	4.29	315	27.09	194
1933	2062.8	5.65	318	23.08	155
1934	1758.5	4.82	297	28.09	166
1935	1771.8	4.85	311	36.01	182
1936	1679.9	4.59	304	28.63	182
1937	1691.6	4.63	304	33.51	176
1938	1809.7	4.96	311	24.51	183
1939	1828.9	5.01	203	34.89	211
1940	1876.8	5.12	309	29.46	164
1941	1641.3	4.49	296	25.06	160
1942	1647.9	4.51	294	27.03	137
1943	1818.0	4.97	294	25.21	175
1944	1665.1	4.54	296	23.54	169
1945	1672.2	4.58	301	28.72	173
1946	1692.8	4.63	297	32.11	211
1947	1812.9	4.96	287	26.74	175
1948	1873.5	5.09	299	26.22	137
1949	2041.3	5.59	319	23.83	91
1950	1738.4	4.76	303	27.79	166
1951	1819.2	4.98	294	38.22	190
1952	1864.8	5.09	314	29.02	166
1953	1813.1	4.96	300	22.55	135
1954	1583.0	4.33	292	32.05	177
1955	1903.2	5.22	305	24.39	146
1956	1726.3	4.72	304	24.92	147
1957	1866.9	5.11	306	26.49	150
1958	1626.3	4.46	299	33.31	162
1959	2146.1	5.88	312	25.08	134
1960	1658.3	4.54	292	45.00	185
1961	1911.1	5.2	310	31.86	137
1962	1805.2	4.9	307	25.61	143
1963	1708.3	4.6	277	29.07	158
1964	1743.1	4.8	247	25.59	135
1965	1725.9	4.7	311	30.68	156
1966	1687.1	4.6	296	32.87	171
1967	1882.5	5.2	310	30.14	158
1968	1656.0	4.5	282	28.11	149
1969	1780.9	4.8	284	26.50	154
1970	1805.1	4.9	305	28.31	176
1971	1868.2	5.1	299	25.15	130
1972	1684.0	4.6	296	23.58	160
1973	1850.5	5.1	305	21.77	148

TEMPERATURE STATISTICS 1973

Month	Highest Max. Temperature	Lowest Min. Temperature
January	11	-1
February	11	-2
March	14	-1
April	16	0·6
May	21	2·0
June	24	6·4
July	27	7·4
August	30	10·0
September	25	6·3
October	19	1·4
November	15	-2·5
December	12	-3·2

METEOROLOGICAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1973

SUNSHINE AND RAINFALL STATISTICS

Month	Sunshine		Rainfall	
	1973 hours	Average for 59 years	1973 mm	Average for 59 years
January	38.8	64.2	31.8	76.7
February	90.7	82.6	22.0	52.0
March	166.9	139.0	14.8	46.5
April	163.1	173.7	65.3	49.3
May	194.4	226.4	84.1	47.8
June	285.8	238.9	54.3	42.4
July	211.3	221.5	49.0	51.6
August	219.6	208.2	20.5	58.0
September	188.4	166.1	64.4	72.9
October	122.7	126.3	54.9	72.9
November	98.2	75.2	29.8	85.9
December	70.6	57.9	62.2	76.5
TOTAL	1850.5	1780.0	553.1	718.5
AVERAGE	154.2	148.3	46.1	59.9

